

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, On July 23, 1880, the Reverend George Cressey arrived in Huron as a missionary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, and 2 days later, pioneer settlers who loved God's word gathered in the depot of the C&NW Railway Company to worship; and,

Whereas, In August 1880, the First Baptist Church was organized in a room in Wright's Hotel with six charter members. God has blessed the membership since that time with a growing congregation whose needs have been met by the dedication of three different churches; and,

Whereas, The First Baptist Church has had a presence in this community since July 1880, when Huron was less than 6 months old, and special recognition will be given to the past and present members of this congregation who have faithfully conducted and carried out the wishes of the original founders of the church; and,

Whereas, Pastor Lew Christensen has served the parish of 224 members for the past 5 years and will conduct a special service to commemorate the 125th Anniversary in the life of this church:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 21, 2005, as

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HURON DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. Michael Rounds", written over a horizontal line.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Chris Nelson", written over a horizontal line.

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State